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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SEEKING APPLICANTS TO SERVE ON THE 2023-2024 CIVIL GRAND JURY

Stockton, CA — The San Joaquin County Superior Court is seeking applicants to serve on the fiscal year 2023-2024 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury. The deadline for application submission is March 17, 2023.

Applications can be obtained by calling (209) 992-5695. Applications can also be found on the court's website at: <u>http://www.sjcourts.org/general-info/civil-grand-jury</u>

Members of the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury will begin serving July 1, 2023. The Grand Jury is comprised of nineteen citizens whose names are randomly selected from applicants nominated by the Judges of the Superior Court. The Civil Grand Jury inquires into and investigates the functions and operations of governmental bodies, agencies and public officials within San Joaquin County, as well as investigates complaints received from the public. Past reports have focused on juvenile group homes, community college and school districts, jail operations, special districts and housing authorities.

Positive comments from recent past grand jurors regarding their involvement and their experiences include, "A strong desire to serve our citizens and making sure all governmental agencies are doing their job." "I love the fact that jurors have vast knowledge in the field they have worked in, which give first-hand experience to topics discussed . . ." and, "Meeting a wide variety of community members and working together."

Applicants must be able to work in-person and have the ability to work remotely via telephonic or video appearance (a smart phone and internet access are required).

A Grand Juror must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen who has resided in San Joaquin County for at least one year, possess sufficient knowledge of the English language, and is not now serving as a trial juror or elected public official. Qualified applicants may be interviewed by a Superior Court Judge. The San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office will conduct background investigations, which includes a record check from law enforcement agencies.